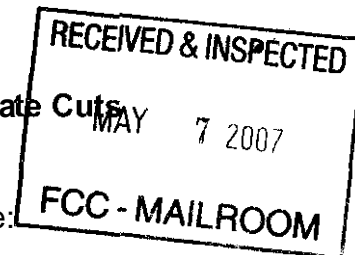


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I, along with other Deaf individuals, use these services in both my work and personal life. It is an important way in which I/we communicate with both hearing and deaf individuals. I urge you to do everything you can to make VRS service available to the many deaf people who currently do not have access to this vital, life-changing service.

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I, along with other deaf individuals, their families and coworkers, depend on VRS and other relay services.

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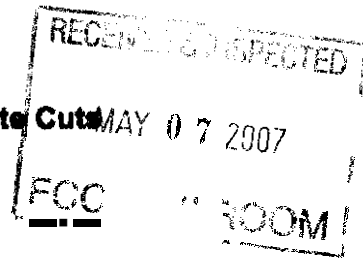
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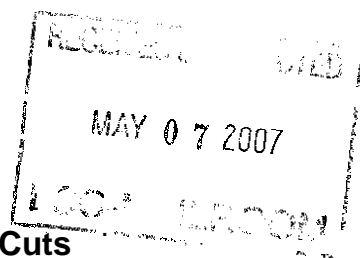
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